

North Smithfield Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2014

- I. Call to Order** at 20:00 by Lucien Benoit
- II. Roll Call** – Present: Lucien Benoit, Al Puccetti, Bob Nault, and Scott Lentz
- III. Venue** - The Economic Development Commission attended the North Smithfield Town Council Meeting at the Kendall Dean building with the Redevelopment Agency for a presentation by the Redevelopment Agency regarding actions and commitments required to move the Branch Village redevelopment forward.
- IV. Presentation** -
 - Scott Gibbs, of the Redevelopment Agency, and the Branch Village Redevelopment Plan were introduced by Councilor Flaherty.
 - Scott Gibbs gave the presentation
 - Representatives of the Horsley Witten Group that performed the latest sewer system design review were in attendance.
 - Colin Kane of The Peregrine Group spoke about the potential of the Branch Village Redevelopment and its benefits to North Smithfield.
 - Scott Gibbs completed his presentation at 20:20.
- V. Discussion** -
 - Councilor Flaherty addressed the problem of Andrews Terrace raw waste currently being disposed of in the Branch River and the need to create a new sewer usage rate determination that would make the sewers affordable for Branch Village users.
 - Administrator Hamilton pointed out that North Smithfield has a Sewer Enterprise Fund that may be able to be partially used for Branch Village.
 - Administrator Hamilton advised the meeting that in the last few weeks a \$3,000,000 was granted to North Smithfield by RI Clean Water.
 - Mariellen Sheridan, chairperson of the Sewer Commission asked if the Sewer Enterprise Fund could provide funding for the Sewer Ordinance update to change the sewer usage rates for Branch Village. Brenda MacDonald, the Finance Director, said that it could.
- VI. Adjournment** -

Al Puccetti made a motion to adjourn the Economic Development Commission meeting at 21:00, seconded by Lucien Benoit with all in favor.